

Docket No. 1948-4293LJS1IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Menard et al  
Serial No. : 09/041,538 Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed : March 11, 1998 Examiner: A. Singh  
For : **FRICITION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE EMPLOYING FRICITION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICITION MATERIAL AND THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an Office Action setting a three-month response date from an Office Action dated **June 5, 2003**, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on **September 5, 2003**. Accordingly, no extension of time or corresponding fee is believed due. However, if the Commissioner determines that an extension of time and/or any fee is required, the applicant hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 13-4500, order 1948-4293LJS1 for any required fee.

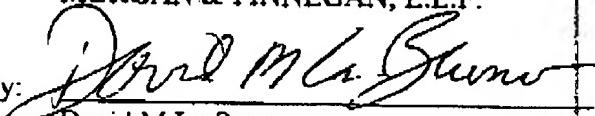
Please amend the application as follows:

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Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pages Sequence Listing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer disk(s) containing substitute Sequence Listing
- Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.
- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is attached.
- Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4293US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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